

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A side air bag device comprising a plurality of air bags which are accommodated in folded states in a side of a seat for an occupant and which are expanded by a gas generated by an inflator upon side collision of a vehicle to be deployed between an inner surface of a side of a vehicle compartment and the occupant,

wherein internal pressures in the plurality of deployed air bags are different from one another.

2. A side air bag device according to claim 1, wherein the gas generated by the single inflator is diverted by a branching pipe and supplied to the plurality of air bags.

3. A side air bag device according to claim 2, wherein a one-way valve is mounted in an outlet of the branching pipe communicating with any one of said air bags, thereby inhibiting a back flow of the gas from said one air bag.

4. A side air bag device according to claim 3, wherein said side air bag device includes a first air bag deployed to a side of a waist of the occupant, and a second air bag deployed to a side of a breast of the occupant, and the one-way valve is mounted on the outlet of the branching pipe communicating with said first air bag.

5. A side air bag device according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said side air bag device includes a first air bag

deployed to a side of a waist of the occupant, and a second air bag deployed to a side of a breast of the occupant, said first air bag being deployed from a seat cushion, and said second air bag being deployed from a seat back.

6. A side air bag device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of air bags are expanded by the gas supplied from corresponding inflators, respectively.